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R. J. Obremski, et al.

Serial No: 09/063,978

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For: DETECTION OF VERY LOW QUANTITIES OF
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Dear Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated August 14, 2001, favorable reconsideration is requested in view of the following remarks.

REMARKS:

Claims 1-28 are pending in the application and have been rejected. Claims 1-28 are presented for further prosecution. Favorable reconsideration of the application is requested in light of the remarks that follow.

The rejection of claims 1-4, 13-19, 21, and 23-26 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ekins *et al.*, EP 304,202 (the '202 patent), in view of Ekins *et al.*, J. of Clinical Immunoassay (Immunoassay reference), is maintained. Claims 27 and 28 are also rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over the same references. These rejections are respectfully traversed.